

## **Amaryllis Bulb Care**



The amaryllis is prized for its huge showy flowers from a big beefy bulb. It provides a dramatic show during our drab months of February and March. Therefore many gardeners are tempted to try for encore blooming the following year.

***Just Remember: It is the care the bulbs are given after the bloom which determines if they bloom again!***

Amaryllis prefers to be somewhat pot-bound for best blooming. The pots packaged with amaryllis kits are typically the right size -- just an inch or two wider than the bulb. Drainage holes are a must.

The secret to keeping amaryllis thriving for years is to keep the plants actively growing AFTER they have finished blooming.

After the flowers have faded, cut them off to prevent seed formation

Do not remove the flower stalk until it has turned yellow.

A green stem will continue to promote photosynthesis, which creates energy that is stored in the bulb for future leaf growth and flowers.

Keeping the plant healthy and growing will promote blooming. After your plant has finished blooming, place it in the sunniest possible location indoors. It will continue to grow long, smooth leaves which, in turn, promote photosynthesis.

Continue to water and fertilize the plant regularly with an all-purpose houseplant fertilizer.

If you want to enjoy your bulb indoors next year, simply move it outside in mid-April when it warms up. Keep it in the pot or sink the pot in the ground. Fertilize and water regularly. In the fall, gradually taper off on water, cut off the leaves and bring it inside. If you stop watering, it will “rest”. When you see a new bud emerging, increase the sunlight and water and you should have a flower in 6 weeks from the bud’s appearance.



For more amaryllis re-blooming information follow these links:

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